

U.S. Department of Justice

Washington, DC 20530

**Amendment to Registration Statement  
Pursuant to the Foreign Agents Registration Act of  
1938, as amended**

**INSTRUCTIONS.** File this amendment form for any changes to a registration. Compliance is accomplished by filing an electronic amendment to registration statement and uploading any supporting documents at <http://www.fara.gov>.

**Privacy Act Statement.** The filing of this document is required for the Foreign Agents Registration Act of 1938, as amended, 22 U.S.C. § 611 *et seq.*, for the purposes of registration under the Act and public disclosure. Provision of the information requested is mandatory, and failure to provide the information is subject to the penalty and enforcement provisions established in Section 8 of the Act. Every registration statement, short form registration statement, supplemental statement, exhibit, amendment, copy of informational materials or other document or information filed with the Attorney General under this Act is a public record open to public examination, inspection and copying during the posted business hours of the Registration Unit in Washington, DC. Statements are also available online at the Registration Unit's webpage: <http://www.fara.gov>. One copy of every such document, other than informational materials, is automatically provided to the Secretary of State pursuant to Section 6(b) of the Act, and copies of any and all documents are routinely made available to other agencies, departments and Congress pursuant to Section 6(c) of the Act. The Attorney General also transmits a semi-annual report to Congress on the administration of the Act which lists the names of all agents registered under the Act and the foreign principals they represent. This report is available to the public in print and online at: <http://www.fara.gov>.

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**1. Name of Registrant**

The Nickles Group, LLC

**2. Registration No.**

6089

**3. This amendment is filed to accomplish the following indicated purpose or purposes:**

- ☐ To give a 10-day notice of change in information as required by Section 2(b) of the Act.
- ☐ To correct a deficiency in
- ☐ Initial Statement
- ☐ Supplemental Statement for the period ending \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Other purpose (*specify*) \_\_\_\_\_
- ☒ To give notice of change in an exhibit previously filed.

**4. If this amendment requires the filing of a document or documents, please list:**

Amending previously filed Exhibit B.

**5. Each item checked above must be explained below in full detail together with, where appropriate, specific reference to and identity of the item in the registration statement to which it pertains. (If space is insufficient, a full insert page must be used.)**

See attached Exhibit B and fully executed contract for the following foreign principal: Taipei Economic and Cultural Representative Office in the United States (TECRO).

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**EXECUTION**

In accordance with 28 U.S.C. § 1746, the undersigned swear(s) or affirm(s) under penalty of perjury that he/she has (they have) read the information set forth in this registration statement and the attached exhibits and that he/she is (they are) familiar with the contents thereof and that such contents are in their entirety true and accurate to the best of his/her (their) knowledge and belief, except that the undersigned make(s) no representation as to the truth or accuracy of the information contained in the attached Short Form Registration Statement(s), if any, insofar as such information is not within his/her (their) personal knowledge.

(Date of signature)

(Print or type name under each signature or provide electronic signature<sup>1</sup>)

January 26, 2016

/s/ Diana Tamez-Walters

eSigned

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<sup>1</sup> This statement shall be signed by the individual agent, if the registrant is an individual, or by a majority of those partners, officers, directors or persons performing similar functions, if the registrant is an organization, except that the organization can, by power of attorney, authorize one or more individuals to execute this statement on its behalf.

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**Exhibit B to Registration Statement****Pursuant to the Foreign Agents Registration Act of 1938, as amended**

**INSTRUCTIONS.** A registrant must furnish as an Exhibit B copies of each written agreement and the terms and conditions of each oral agreement with his foreign principal, including all modifications of such agreements, or, where no contract exists, a full statement of all the circumstances by reason of which the registrant is acting as an agent of a foreign principal. Compliance is accomplished by filing an electronic Exhibit B form at <http://www.fara.gov>.

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1. Name of Registrant

The Nickles Group, LLC

2. Registration No.

6089

3. Name of Foreign Principal

Taipei Economic and Cultural Representative Office in the United States (TECRO)

Check Appropriate Box:

4. ☒ The agreement between the registrant and the above-named foreign principal is a formal written contract. If this box is checked, attach a copy of the contract to this exhibit.
5. ☐ There is no formal written contract between the registrant and the foreign principal. The agreement with the above-named foreign principal has resulted from an exchange of correspondence. If this box is checked, attach a copy of all pertinent correspondence, including a copy of any initial proposal which has been adopted by reference in such correspondence.
6. ☐ The agreement or understanding between the registrant and the foreign principal is the result of neither a formal written contract nor an exchange of correspondence between the parties. If this box is checked, give a complete description below of the terms and conditions of the oral agreement or understanding, its duration, the fees and expenses, if any, to be received.
7. Describe fully the nature and method of performance of the above indicated agreement or understanding.

Registrant's employees will communicate the foreign principal's interests via meetings, calls, letters and other communications as deemed necessary.

8. Describe fully the activities the registrant engages in or proposes to engage in on behalf of the above foreign principal.

Registrant agrees to provide the following professional public relations and consulting services to the foreign principal: 1) Legislative strategy and government affairs services; 2) Other issues agreed by both parties and directed by the foreign principal.

9. Will the activities on behalf of the above foreign principal include political activities as defined in Section 1(o) of the Act and in the footnote below? Yes ☒ No ☐

If yes, describe all such political activities indicating, among other things, the relations, interests or policies to be influenced together with the means to be employed to achieve this purpose.

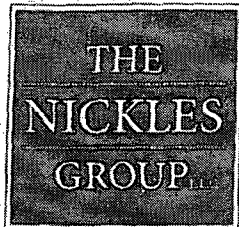
Registrant will communicate with federal executive and legislative officials regarding policies and legislation which may affect the interest of the foreign principal.

### EXECUTION

In accordance with 28 U.S.C. § 1746, the undersigned swears or affirms under penalty of perjury that he/she has read the information set forth in this Exhibit B to the registration statement and that he/she is familiar with the contents thereof and that such contents are in their entirety true and accurate to the best of his/her knowledge and belief.

Date of Exhibit B	Name and Title	Signature
January 26, 2016	Diana Tamez-Walters	/s/ Diana Tamez-Walters eSigned

Footnote: "Political activity," as defined in Section 1(o) of the Act, means any activity which the person engaging in believes will, or that the person intends to, in any way influence any agency or official of the Government of the United States or any section of the public within the United States with reference to formulating, adopting, or changing the domestic or foreign policies of the United States or with reference to the political or public interests, policies, or relations of a government of a foreign country or a foreign political party.



Don Nickles  
Chairman & CEO

Stacey Hughes  
President

Mary Beth Savary Taylor  
Partner

Emily Porter  
Partner

## AGREEMENT OF SERVICES

This agreement shall commence on January 1, 2016, and shall continue for twelve months ending on December 31, 2016 between the Taipei Economic and Cultural Representative Office in the United States (hereto referred to as "TECRO") and The Nickles Group, LLC (hereto referred to as TNG).

The Parties have agreed as follows:

1. TNG agrees to represent TECRO before the U.S. Congress and the U.S. government generally.
2. In the course of its representation of TECRO, TNG agrees that it will act in conformance with all applicable United States laws and regulations.
3. In this connection, TNG shall furnish TECRO with its analyses and interpretations of political, financial, commercial and sociological developments in the United States and advise TECRO as to actions TECRO may take to further improve relations between the two countries.
4. TNG is required to send a copy of its monthly activity report to TECRO before the 10<sup>th</sup> day of each subsequent month. All reports, recommendations materials, analyses and other documents TNG prepares shall become the property of TECRO, and TNG hereby agrees that TECRO may make use thereof, without incurring any obligation for compensation other than as set forth in the following paragraph. Any reports prepared by TNG to TECRO shall be considered confidential and not for distribution to any third party. On request, TNG will deliver all copies, in any form to TECRO.
5. In payment of these services TNG is to receive a monthly retainer of \$20,000 (twenty thousand dollars). TECRO will assign TNG additional assignments on an as needed basis, compensation to be decided upon mutual agreement.
6. This agreement shall be construed in accordance with and governed by the laws of the District of Columbia. Any suit against TECRO arising out of this agreement shall be filed in the United States District Court for the District of Columbia pursuant to the Foreign Sovereign Immunities Act, 28 U.S.C. Section 1602 et seq. TECRO does not waive any right it may have to sovereign immunity in that court. Service on TECRO must be made pursuant to 28 U.S.C. Section 1608 (a) and (b), during the term of this agreement.
7. The firm agrees to promptly notify TECRO if it decides to represent the government of the People's Republic of China (PRC), that is, the state itself,

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or any subdivision or agency or instrumentality thereof, as those terms are defined in 28 U.S.C. 1603 (a) and (b), during the term of this agreement.

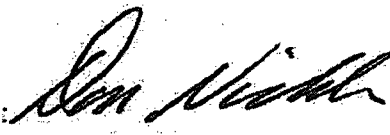
8. Either party may terminate this contract on 30 days written notice for any reason.

IN WITNESS THEREOF:

*Taipei Economic and Cultural  
Representative Office*

*The Nickles Group*

for By:   
Representative TECRO  
Date: 01/26/16

By:   
Representative TNG  
Date: